

# Reading Background Questionnaire

## Grade 12

This section has 20 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Fill in only **one** oval for each question.

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1. Please indicate how much you DISAGREE or AGREE with the following statements about reading and writing. Fill in **one** oval on each line.

|  | Strongly disagree | Disagree | Agree | Strongly agree |          |
|--|-------------------|----------|-------|----------------|----------|
| a. When I read books, I learn a lot.         | (A)               | (B)      | (C)   | (D)            | VB345623 |
| b. Reading is one of my favorite activities. | (A)               | (B)      | (C)   | (D)            | VB345624 |

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2. How often do you do each of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

|   | Never or hardly ever | Once or twice a month | Once or twice a week | Almost every day |          |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------|
| a. Read for fun on your own time                                  | (A)                  | (B)                   | (C)                  | (D)              | VB379289 |
| b. Talk with your friends or family about something you have read | (A)                  | (B)                   | (C)                  | (D)              | VB379290 |

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3. Now think about reading and writing you do for school. For your **English** class this year, how often do you do each of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

|   | Never or hardly ever | A few times a year | Once or twice a month | At least once a week |          |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------|
| a. Have a class discussion about something that the whole class has read    | (A)                  | (B)                | (C)                   | (D)                  | VB345645 |
| b. Work in pairs or small groups to talk about something that you have read | (A)                  | (B)                | (C)                   | (D)                  | VB345646 |



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4. For your **English** class so far this year, how many times have you done each of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

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|   | Never                     | Once                      | 2 or 3 times              | 4 or 5 times              | 6 or more times           |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| a. Made a presentation to the class about something that you have read                                | <input type="radio"/> (A) | <input type="radio"/> (B) | <input type="radio"/> (C) | <input type="radio"/> (D) | <input type="radio"/> (E) |
| b. Done a project about something that you have read (for example, written a play, created a website) | <input type="radio"/> (A) | <input type="radio"/> (B) | <input type="radio"/> (C) | <input type="radio"/> (D) | <input type="radio"/> (E) |

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5. How often do you use either the school library or the public library to get information for a school project or homework?

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- ☐ (A) Never or hardly ever  
☐ (B) Once or twice a month  
☐ (C) Once or twice a week  
☐ (D) Every day or almost every day

6. How often do you use either the school library or the public library to get information for your own use?

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- ☐ (A) Never or hardly ever  
☐ (B) Once or twice a month  
☐ (C) Once or twice a week  
☐ (D) Every day or almost every day

7. Do you study or do work for English/ language arts at an after-school or tutoring program?

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- ☐ (A) Yes  
☐ (B) No

8. In your school, do you participate in extracurricular activities such as book clubs, competitions, fairs, or exhibits for reading?

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- ☐ (A) Yes  
☐ (B) No

9. For school this year, how often have you been asked to write long answers to questions on tests or assignments that involved reading?

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- ☐ (A) Never  
☐ (B) Once or twice this year  
☐ (C) Once or twice a month  
☐ (D) At least once a week


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10. In your English/language arts class this year, how often does your class do each of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line. VC504013

|  | Never or<br>hardly<br>ever | Once or<br>twice a<br>month | Once or<br>twice a<br>week | Every day<br>or almost<br>every day |          |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| a. Read aloud  | <input type="radio"/> A    | <input type="radio"/> B     | <input type="radio"/> C    | <input type="radio"/> D             | VC504014 |
| b. Read silently   | <input type="radio"/> A    | <input type="radio"/> B     | <input type="radio"/> C    | <input type="radio"/> D             | VC504015 |
| c. Discuss new or difficult vocabulary                       | <input type="radio"/> A    | <input type="radio"/> B     | <input type="radio"/> C    | <input type="radio"/> D             | VC504016 |
| d. Explain what we have read                                 | <input type="radio"/> A    | <input type="radio"/> B     | <input type="radio"/> C    | <input type="radio"/> D             | VC504017 |
| e. Do a group activity or project about<br>what we have read | <input type="radio"/> A    | <input type="radio"/> B     | <input type="radio"/> C    | <input type="radio"/> D             | VC504018 |
| f. Read books we have chosen<br>ourselves                    | <input type="radio"/> A    | <input type="radio"/> B     | <input type="radio"/> C    | <input type="radio"/> D             | VC504019 |
| g. Write something about what we<br>have read                | <input type="radio"/> A    | <input type="radio"/> B     | <input type="radio"/> C    | <input type="radio"/> D             | VC504020 |
| h. Discuss different interpretations<br>of what we have read | <input type="radio"/> A    | <input type="radio"/> B     | <input type="radio"/> C    | <input type="radio"/> D             | VC504021 |

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11. In your English/language arts class this year, when reading a story, article, or other passage, how often does your teacher ask you to do the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

|   | Never or<br>hardly<br>ever | Once or<br>twice a<br>month | Once or<br>twice a<br>week | Every day<br>or almost<br>every day |          |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| a. Summarize the passage                              | <input type="radio"/> A    | <input type="radio"/> B     | <input type="radio"/> C    | <input type="radio"/> D             | VC504023 |
| b. Interpret the meaning of the passage               | <input type="radio"/> A    | <input type="radio"/> B     | <input type="radio"/> C    | <input type="radio"/> D             | VC504024 |
| c. Question the motives or feelings of the characters | <input type="radio"/> A    | <input type="radio"/> B     | <input type="radio"/> C    | <input type="radio"/> D             | VC504025 |
| d. Identify the main themes of the passage            | <input type="radio"/> A    | <input type="radio"/> B     | <input type="radio"/> C    | <input type="radio"/> D             | VC504026 |

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12. In your English/language arts class this year, how often do you use a computer to do each of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

|   | Never or<br>hardly<br>ever | Once or<br>twice a<br>month | Once or<br>twice a<br>week | Every day<br>or almost<br>every day |          |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| a. Learn and practice vocabulary  | <input type="radio"/> A    | <input type="radio"/> B     | <input type="radio"/> C    | <input type="radio"/> D             | VC504028 |
| b. Practice spelling and grammar  | <input type="radio"/> A    | <input type="radio"/> B     | <input type="radio"/> C    | <input type="radio"/> D             | VC504029 |
| c. Write stories or reports   | <input type="radio"/> A    | <input type="radio"/> B     | <input type="radio"/> C    | <input type="radio"/> D             | VC504030 |
| d. Produce multimedia reports/projects  | <input type="radio"/> A    | <input type="radio"/> B     | <input type="radio"/> C    | <input type="radio"/> D             | VC504031 |
| e. Access reading-related websites (for example, websites with book reviews and lists of recommended books) | <input type="radio"/> A    | <input type="radio"/> B     | <input type="radio"/> C    | <input type="radio"/> D             | VC504033 |
| f. Conduct research for reading and writing projects  | <input type="radio"/> A    | <input type="radio"/> B     | <input type="radio"/> C    | <input type="radio"/> D             | VC504034 |

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13. How hard was this test compared to most other tests you have taken this year in school?

- ☐ A Easier than other tests  
☐ B About as hard as other tests  
☐ C Harder than other tests  
☐ D Much harder than other tests

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14. How hard did you try on this test compared to how hard you tried on most other tests you have taken this year in school?

- ☐ A Not as hard as on other tests  
☐ B About as hard as on other tests  
☐ C Harder than on other tests  
☐ D Much harder than on other tests


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15. How important was it to you to do well on this test? VB595184
- Ⓐ Not very important
  - Ⓑ Somewhat important
  - Ⓒ Important
  - Ⓓ Very important
16. Are you currently enrolled in or have you taken International Baccalaureate courses in English/language arts? VC293363
- Ⓐ Yes
  - Ⓑ No
17. Are you currently enrolled in or have you taken an Advanced Placement course in English/language arts? Fill in ovals for **all** that apply. VC293355
- Ⓐ Yes, I am enrolled in or have taken Advanced Placement English Language
  - Ⓑ Yes, I am enrolled in or have taken Advanced Placement English Literature
  - Ⓒ No, I have never taken an Advanced Placement English/language arts course
18. Are you currently enrolled in or have you taken any online English/language arts courses for high school or college credit? VC293008
- Ⓐ Yes
  - Ⓑ No
19. How much education do you think you will complete? QK070697
- Ⓐ I will not finish high school.
  - Ⓑ I will graduate from high school.
  - Ⓒ I will have some education after high school.
  - Ⓓ I will graduate from college.
  - Ⓔ I will go to graduate school.
  - Ⓕ I don't know.
20. What do you expect that your main activity will be in the year after you leave high school? VC101417
- Ⓐ Working full time
  - Ⓑ Attending a vocational, technical, or business school
  - Ⓒ Attending a two-year college
  - Ⓓ Attending a four-year college, service academy, or university
  - Ⓔ Serving in the military
  - Ⓕ Other

